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Faculty, Alumni and Students at Banquet Join in Wishing Dean Vance Godspeed

Rauscher's the Scene of Brilliant Gathering in Honor of Professor Who Goes to Yale



The night of Friday, April 22, 1910, will go down in the history of The George Washington University as the occasion of the most enthusiastic gathering of faculty, students, alumni and guests that has ever been known, and will also be remembered as one of the most remarkable testimonials ever given to an educator in any institution in this country. It was the occasion of the much-heralded farewell banquet to Dean William Reynolds Vance, of the law school of the University. From the moment that the picture of the banquet tables and guests was taken until the last man had shaken hands with Dean Vance, and bade him good night, the hall resounded with college yells, class yells, and all sorts and conditions of songs, which were participated in by every one present, including Justice Harlan and President Needham. In addition to the long list of prominent men who were present, the committee had the added honor of entertaining Professor Williston, of Harvard University, probably the greatest teacher of law in the country.

Mr. Frank F. Ford, president of the senior class opened the speech-making of the evening by introducing the Toastmaster, Hon. H. B. F. Macfarland, former Commissioner of the District of Columbia.

Mr. Macfarland spoke in a humorous vein, and at the same time paid a glowing tribute to Dean

Vance and President Needham. He said:

"This seems to be a safe and sane celebration of the Fourth of July. I was warned by your committee that above all things be cheerful. They said we were to meet with them to yell with Yale. * * *

The fact is that our William is about to leave us. He is going out like many another freshman. He might go farther and he might fare worse. Harvard for example. He is going to a place where as a freshman he will have to live under some rules. I have taken pains to send to New Haven for some of the rules under which he will have to live. This is no laughing matter. Like the joke in the Englishman's mouth.

These are rules which were found in the Rule Book of Yale University, and they apply to freshman. I will quote enough to make him regret his ill-advised step."

Here followed a long list of rules governing the conduct of freshman, which will be sure to get Dean Vance into great trouble when he arrives at Yale on account of his often-repeated desire to "do those things which he ought not to do." Mr. Macfarland then read a letter of regret from Henry C. Rogers, dean of the Law School of Yale University, in which it was said that "the law school instructors throughout the United States have come to recognize the fact that he (Dean Vance) is one of the ablest

of the law-school teachers of the country."

In introducing President Needham, Mr. Macfarland praised him very highly, and, in referring to the fight which is being made by the University at the present time, said that President Needham has "carried the flag of this University with gallantry, with ability, and with a serene confidence in the essential principle of the University, which is bound in the end to win." He also mentioned the fact that in the fight the enemy has not always played fair. President Needham was greeted by an ovation that was second only to the one paid to the honor guest of the evening when he arose to speak.

In opening, President Needham said: "We are here to honor and to bid God-speed to one of the finest characters and teachers that any University ever had." He then eulogized Dean Vance as a teacher, a true gentleman, and above all because "he had married so well." He expressed the hope that when Dean Vance got to Yale he would "build up a good law school." President Needham was interrupted during the course of his speech many times by applause and at its conclusion three great, hearty cheers were given for "Prexy."

Toastmaster Macfarland in introducing the next speaker referred to him as the "John Marshall of our times," and then read the record of his life which is contained in the Congressional Directory, including the statement that Justice Harlan had been "for 15 years a teacher of Constitutional Law in the George Washington University."

In reading the extract Mr. Macfarland was very careful to give no dates until he arrived at the point where Justice Harlan raised and led a company during the civil war.

Justice Harlan was accorded a great ovation when he arose, and was frequently interrupted during the course of his speech by applause. He said that he did not know what he was going to say but that there were some thoughts which came to his mind which he would have to express. He paid a high tribute to his audience by saying that it was rarely given to a man in one lifetime to see so many intelligent young men gathered together. He said there was enough intellect and power present in the gathering he was addressing to rule the world and shape its destiny. He would appoint President Needham as Chief Magistrate. As Secretary of foreign affairs, he said there was present in the assemblage, and in the University, "one of the chief

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The Sixth of May to be "University Night"

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SAVE FOR CALCIUM CLUB.

The Sixth of May is to be the Big Night for George Washington at the Belasco. Tickets can be secured today at the HATCHET Office or the theater.

The vehicle of the Calcium Club for this year, "The Girl and the Page," has met with unrivalled enthusiasm wherever the score and book have been submitted for criticism. Two performances will be given. May 5th, the proceeds will be devoted to the Junior Republic, the management of which was so delighted with the production that it departed from the usual custom of presenting its own play. May 6th, the entire proceeds will be turned over to the athletic fund of the University.

Upon the success or failure of the show this year may depend the continuance of athletics in the University. It is being debated now in the school very seriously as to whether the University can afford to have athletic teams in the next year. The treasury is empty and the expenses of the football, track and basket-ball squads are very great. Bearing this fact in mind, the students of this institution should put forth every effort to interest people of their acquaintance in the performance of the Calcium Club.

Last year there was an attempt made—and a very successful attempt—to stage a musical comedy. The creditable performance which was given showed to the students the possibilities. Since that time Mr. Scantling and several others have been devoting a great part of their time to the writing of a score for this year. The twenty-five musical numbers and the clever and witty dialogues in the "Girl and the Page" are the fruits of almost a year of labor on the part of the authors of the play. It has been their endeavor to avoid anything which is not original. Amusing comments upon political issues are to take the place of hackneyed jokes upon Alexandria, which characterize almost every comedy presented by local players. Instead of abused Chevy Chase, the University from those in highest authority, down to the students themselves, are to be mercilessly and humorously criticised.

All those who love music will be

amply repaid for coming on the sixth of May and listening to some of the best soloists in Washington sing the as yet unpublished but beautiful music written by Mr. Scantling. As before stated, there are to be twenty-five musical numbers, including solos, duets, quartets and ensembles.

To teach the men attractive dances, Mr. Tuttle, a professional dancing master, has been brought over from Baltimore. He is meeting with much success and has himself stated that, although he has instructed many of the most celebrated college troupes, still he has nowhere had better material to work upon.

What will be of great interest to the students will be the discussion of the fraternity question in all its phases. Although the criticisms are sarcastic and scathing in the extreme, they are so very witty that all, even fraternity men, will enjoy them immensely. Those not particularly interested in fraternity matters, will laugh at the amusing situations and the jokes at the expense of the fraternal organizations of George Washington.

"In the spring the young man's fancy, etc." No more appropriate exhibition of this truth could be presented than by taking her to the Calcium Club.

Faculty, Alumni and Students at Banquet

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diplomats in all the history of the world—General Foster."

For a Department of Justice there was Justice Van Orsdal, Justice Stafford, Mr. Tucker, of Va., and Mr. Scott, of the State Dept.

He then said that the best thing about the honor guest of the evening was that he was born in Kentucky, and that is worth a good deal."

Continuing, Justice Harlan spoke very highly of the importance of a teacher's work, and of the great responsibility resting on his shoulders, comparing it to the responsibility of a judge. He said that Dean Vance had a wider field here in Washington than he would have in Yale because here he could speak to the whole country, and there to a limited few.

In referring to the University, Justice Harlan said: "There are certain animals which burrow under the ground—I cannot call their names—who have lately infested the halls of Congress and given a wrong impression about this institution. But I am sure the University will come out right."

At the conclusion of Justice Harlan's address the whole gathering rose to their feet, and, led by the Glee Club, sang "My Old Kentucky Home," in which the honored Justice joined, even though he mentioned that he had heard it sung better.

Mr. Levi Cooke, of the Class of 1906, was called on in behalf of the alumni. He talked in a humorous vein, but at the same time praised

the University, and spoke glowingly of Dean Vance.

Next occurred the most impressive part of the whole program, and the most unexpected, so far as Dean Vance was concerned. Mr. Henry Du Bois, a member of the junior class, on behalf of the friends and students of Dean Vance, presented him with a beautiful gold watch. Mr. Du Bois' speech of presentation was marked by a deep sincerity and very visibly affected the entire gathering. After the presentation, "Our William" himself arose to speak. Never has a greater demonstration been accorded any man in the history of G. W. U., or any other educational institution in this part of the country. He spoke much more effectively than words could ever have done of the esteem and love in which he is held by all who know him. The applause and cheers lasted fully ten minutes.

Dean Vance's speech follows:

MY BRETHREN: I wish it was within my power to give some adequate expression to the feeling that has come over me at this time. I wish I could say something worthy of you. Excuse me, but I cannot.

I do not know what to say. I suppose that I cannot do better than to take as my text the syllabus. It is not very often that one has the privilege of being in such a company as this, but after all, gentlemen, that really is my text. It is not very often that a man has the privilege of counting among his associates such noted gentlemen as those with whom I have had the pleasure of laboring in the faculty of law of the George Washington University, and I do not believe that it has been the privilege of a gentleman of any law school to come in close personal contact, to labor with, and to count his friends such men as I have known and tried to teach the law during the seven years that I have been in the G. W. U. As I look back on those 7 years, which have been full of labor day and night, I have, I suppose, made a little headway. From one standpoint it is rather a heavy price that the office which I have held has required of me, but it is worth the price, and I do not regret it.

During those seven years there have come to me upwards of 1,000 young men. They have come from every quarter and corner of this great country; even from over the seas, yet I am here to testify tonight that of all those many young men that I have known on every sort of condition, that not one during all those seven years has ever failed towards me in the finest courtesy and the sweetest friendship. Not one of them has ever failed to respond with an enthusiasm and eagerness that is refreshing to the soul to any appeal to higher standards of character, higher ideals of labor, or higher standards of work and scholarship. And, furthermore, during all that time I have never yet found one of the students that has passed through the classroom of G. W. U. who would fail to act squarely if only the issue was square-

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It is earnestly desired that there should be a full attendance at the Chapel service Wednesday, May 11. At that time will be held the last joint service of the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., and the general secretaries of the Central City branches of each of these organizations will make addresses. Mr. Marguette will also render a vocal solo.

"ISLES OF THE BLESSED"

Prof. Croissant Speaks at Classical Club

A meeting of the Classical Club of the University was held in the Woman's Building a week ago Wednesday. A note was read from Dr. Carrol, announcing his intention of returning soon and expressing pleasure at the hearty reception given him by the Puget Sound Alumni Association. The vigorous condition of the association was attested by a card of invitation enclosed, which bore a bow of the old Buff and Blue. For the periodical committee Miss Brakhagen read a poem on the recent discovery of "Horace's famous Sabine Farm," from one of the magazines, and Dr. Smith a remarkable article in the Classical Weekly, from an engineer, praising the study of the classics aside from the pleasure contained as an antidote for the narrowing influences of the study of one profession. Mr. Covell, for the book committee reviewed a chapter from Abbott's "Society and Politics in Ancient Rome," in which some striking parallels were drawn between ancient and modern gov-

ernmental phenomena and tendencies.

The feature of the evening, however, was the reading by Professor Croissant on the "Isles of the Blessed," as conceived by the ancient poets and philosophers. "The conception of 'Isles of the Blessed,'" said Prof. Croissant, "arose from the natural human desire to escape the outer world. These magic islands were supposed to be in the West beyond the sea, being supposedly a poetic amplification of the Canaries.

"The first Greek conception of the 'Isles of the Blessed,' appears as the Golden Age of Saturn projected into the future. Later they were confounded with Elysium. They were first thought to be the abode of the god-like heroes, who were carried living to these happy isles. This is the Homeric conception. In Heriod they were still the abode of heroes, while for the rest of mankind was the shadowy after-life. Pindar first introduces the idea of reward and punishment; his conception is somewhat like the later medieval purgatory. After nine years of purgatory a pious man may return to earth as a king and after death dwell in the 'Isles of the Blessed.' Plato is chiefly concerned with the moral idea; Lucian's conception is satiric.

"The Latin poets lack both the ideals and the sensuous beauty of the Greek conception. Virgil's Elysium is in the underworld; the popular belief as attested from the inscriptions on gravestones places it in the skies. Horace's conception is like that of Pindar. As with the Greeks, the Isles of the Blessed were at first only for the favored

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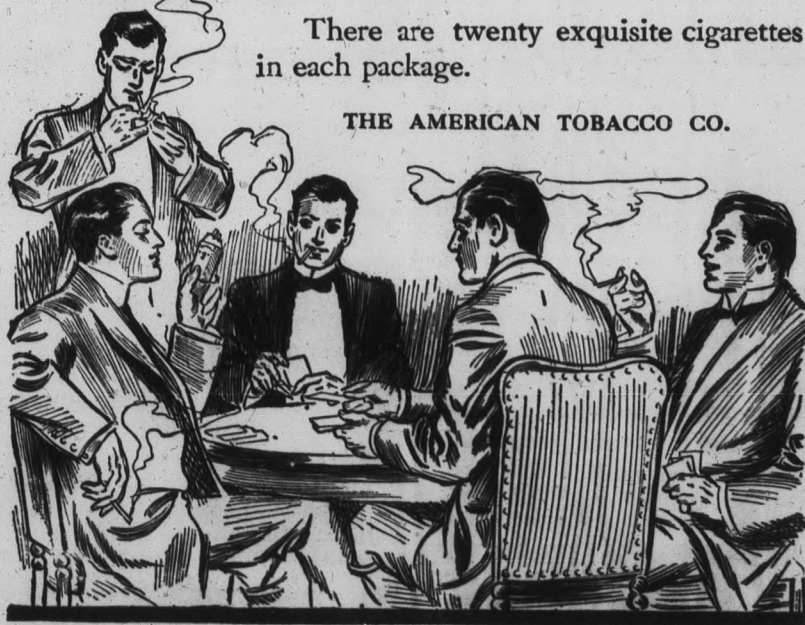


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THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 1910

In the midst of the calumny, the misrepresentation, and insinuating falsehood which has fallen upon the University in its fight to become the beneficiary under the Morrill act for the District—a battle in which the enemy have not failed to avail themselves of every weapon at hand, whether or not of an honorable nature—two facts stand out as refreshing breezes in the darkened atmosphere—the enthusiastic and unanimous applause at the Vance banquet, which greeted every mention of the gigantic labors of President Charles W. Needham; and the hearty support which the local dailies, as a whole, have given the University.

The editorial in the *Evening Star* of Monday last meets the situation in a manner so clear and so forceful as to demand widespread recognition. We earnestly urge every student, every alumnus, every friend of George Washington to read that article; you will feel the better for it, and you will begin to realize the important, the dire necessity "for all loyal sons of the University in their devotion to alma mater, to sink personal prejudices and hatreds, however bitter, and to fight for the life and future welfare of the University."

What is one man's loss is another's gain could just as strongly be applied to a University. The heart-

felt expression of regret, of love and respect which met Dean Vance at the banquet in his honor cannot but convince him were there even a lingering doubt, that his place in George Washington is secure and is open for him, should he ever, regardless of the intervening years, determine to be with us again. We lose an administrative officer of sterling worth, but Yale gains a gentleman of the old school, a student and a scholar.

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heroes, but later for the pious and good.

"Martin says the ancient idea is characterized by material comfort. On the contrary the modern English conception will be found to be just as sensuous, abounding in references to balmy climate, fruitful meadows, absence of storm and sorrow. In fact, the joys of love figure to a greater extent in English poetry than in the classical. The English conceptions are chiefly based on the classical."

Professor Croissant illustrated his lecture by abundant quotations from the classical writers, both Greek and Roman. At the close of Professor Croissant's paper, Miss Wilbur, daughter of the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, played a violin solo, Schumann's "Fraumerei." Refreshments concluded the evening.

Exchanges.

A chapter of Tau Kappa Alpha, the intercollegiate debating fraternity has been installed at Vanderbilt.

The Purdue Exponent recently appeared with heavy black lines of mourning for the death of "Mr. Annix McChronics," a mythical character representing subjects in that course.

Leland Stanford defeated California in the annual track meet by a scant 8 points.

The famous comedy of Aristophanes, "Clouds," is to be given in English by students in the classical department at Illinois.

Celebrations by the various chapters of the Cosmopolitan Club of American Universities have attracted considerable attention in the college press.

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ly put to him. It is such men as we have in the law school of the G. W. U. * * * I think there will be little reason for the muckrakers in the next generation. It is a rare privilege I have enjoyed, I think, to be associated with young men who in many cases have already demonstrated much of the power that Justice Harlan has so well spoken of, and I believe that among those who are now in the law school, and who are going out, there are many who are going to deserve well of their country and serve their day and generation valuably.

After all, it is not a bad thing to be a college professor. The public has rather a curious view, perhaps, of that character. For the most part it is regarded as a joke. Perhaps in some respects it is. The view that is taken of the professor is perhaps well illustrated by the story told of the gentleman from Alabama who was introduced on

one occasion to Booker Washington. Not wishing to call him "Booker," because that would show familiarity, and not wishing to call him "Mr.," because that might be a recognition of social equality, he compromised and called him "Professor." So it goes. Newspapers delight to make jokes at the high-brow. Some of them are justified. But, at the same time, there is a little change coming over the tone of the press, and I think it is being recognized that after all the college professor has some sort of usefulness, and a proper place in society. It is coming to be recognized that there is need, particularly in the field of the law, of a man who shall render some special service, as is possible only for the college professor to attain.

Sitting here at this board is a man—a college professor—who stands not only as one of the greatest teachers of this country, but a man of those constructive powers which have enabled him to draw up four or five great acts that have been adopted as uniform law, and which are being adopted by some of the

states and which, I dare say, ultimately will be adopted in all the states.

If Prof. Williston of Harvard University—were not here in person I might say some other things about him to you. It is not entirely pleasant always to have to do anything said to you. You remember that story that was told by Mark Twain of the man who was being escorted out of town on a rail, and who remarked that but for the honor of the thing he would just as soon walk.

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I must confess that I feel more than passing regret at giving up my part in the fierce struggle that is being waged to bring about that great aim. I would gladly continue it if I thought it was necessary. But as it has been so beautifully said here this evening I think the high ideals and right standards which have obtained are more due to President Needham than they are to me, and are just as much due to these splendid co-laborers in the Law Faculty, and I have no doubt in the future that the law school of George Washington University will wax steadily stronger and more powerful in training young men.

Now, may I say in closing that it is impossible to give any lengthy expression to the feeling which I have for the G. W. U. One of the chiefest pleasures of my stay in Washington has been the communications which I have had from the students who have been graduated and been out in practice telling of their difficulties, struggles and successes.

I shall look forward to following you and your career in exactly the same way. I shall rejoice in the successes, which will be certainly yours if you maintain the same earnest purpose for higher things that has characterized your work in the law school. This beautiful present has come as such a complete surprise, and I shall always cherish it as the dearest of my personal property.

Over at New Haven, or wherever I may be, you may be sure that my warmest thoughts and my most sanguine hopes shall always follow you in your future and the future of the George Washington University.

During the course of the evening the ladies of the University

came into the balcony and remained during all the speechmaking. Mrs. Vance was presented with a large bouquet of American Beauty roses.

Tribute of the highest character must be paid to the committee in charge of the affair. Their work was absolutely perfect and this occasion is taken to thank them individually and collectively on behalf of THE HATCHET and the entire student body for giving all present such a delightful evening. If all committees entrusted with entertainments of a similar kind were as diligent and earnest in their work there would certainly be more "college spirit," and enthusiasm displayed at G. W. U. The committee of students was formed of the following: Henry P. DuBois, chairman; R. H. Litton, secretary, and Messrs. Ford, Bradley, Swift, Davis, Curl, Webber, Dulles, Gamble, Bond, Helms, Hubbard.

In a final summing up all that is left to speak about is the noble work done by the Glee Club, led by Mr. Webber, and the cheering, led by everybody. Judging from the voices heard in the singing there is material enough in the University to form a Glee Club that would be second to none in any college in the country. This is said in all earnestness and might be taken as a suggestion. Every member of the faculty was cheered, often and enthusiastically. One of the features of the evening was the "Rah, rah, rah, of Harvard, ending up with three loud "Vances," rendered by Phil Goode, Prof. Newman and Prof. Thurston. It certainly had the right ring and right swing. Everyone present said they had never seen so much enthusiasm displayed at any previous occasion in the history of G. W. U. The few who failed to attend have our sincere condolences.

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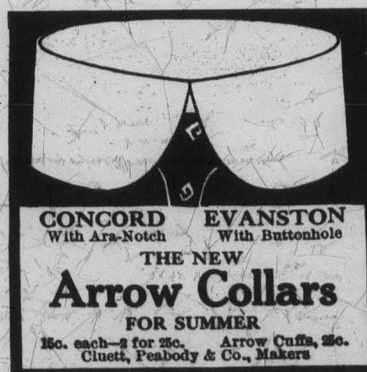
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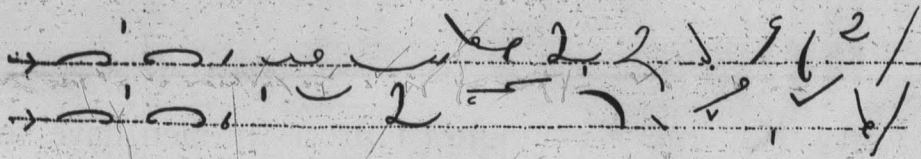
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